





April 19, 2013

The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

> WC Docket No. 10-90, Connect America Fund; WC Docket No. 05-337, High-Re:

Cost Universal Service Support

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

CenturyLink, Inc., Frontier Communications Corp., and Windstream Corp. are three of the largest price cap telecommunications companies committed to serving rural America. As we wrote on April 3, 2013, we believe our mission and the goals of the Commission are aligned in supporting further deployment of broadband services to rural America. We all want the benefits of broadband-enabled networks delivered as expeditiously as possible to all Americans. Additional Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I Incremental Support is critical to making this happen in rural, high cost, unserved communities.

We appreciate the Commission's efforts to develop a framework for the prompt distribution of CAF Phase I Incremental Support to speed broadband deployment to rural America. In support of this effort and based on the proposals that we have put before the Commission in this proceeding, each company hereby commits to the Commission that it will match the CAF Phase I Incremental Support it accepts in 2013 with an equal investment of its own capital to extend broadband to unserved locations. We make this commitment because we believe that access to high-speed broadband has become an indispensable platform for economic growth and job creation, and for addressing major national challenges like education, health care, energy and public safety. The combined funding will rapidly benefit hundreds of thousands of rural Americans to the total benefit of all Americans. We look forward to working with you to invest in America's future.

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